



State of Connecticut

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE CAPITOL

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

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Senator «First» «Last_»
United States Senate
«Mailing_Address»

Dear Senator «Last_»,

In the aftermath of the unspeakable tragedy that has visited the children and families in close-knit Newtown, Connecticut, we legislators of the Connecticut General Assembly are united on both sides of the aisle in our mourning for the families and in our hope to craft thoughtful and considered legislation to help avoid ever having to experience such a tragedy again.

In that same spirit, we encourage you, as a Member of Congress, and leaders of our great nation to support the package of legislative reforms presented by President Obama and Vice President Biden. We feel that the measures offered are reasonable: Curbs on the increasing firepower of so named assault weapons and the magazines that increase firepower; universal background checks to keep guns out of the hands of prohibited and dangerous users; and better data with which to understand the limits that are reasonably placed on the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms - most Americans seem to agree with these common sense reforms. They are meant to help curb the far too many mass killings that have aggrieved so many of our American towns in recent times.

Rest assured, as state legislators, we will take appropriate action by enacting comprehensive legislation. Legislative leaders have formed a bi-partisan working committee and we stand ready to act. However, we recognize our state is small and that real reform needs to take effect on both the state and national levels. Therefore, we urge you to act appropriately and without delay.

We stand shoulder to shoulder with you in our desire to make our nation safer and free from tragedies like the one in Newtown. It is something we should never have to experience again, ever. Putting a thoughtful and comprehensive piece of legislation on President Obama's desk will honor the wishes of the families affected by this unthinkable horror.

Sincerely,

Senator Donald Williams
29th District

Senator Martin Looney
11th District

Senator Bob Duff
25th District

Senator Beth Bye
5th District

Senator Gayle Slossberg
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147th District

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100th District

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94th District

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109th District

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